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SUBJECT: OREGON II CLEARANCE REQUEST

REF: (A) STATE 290532 (B) CARACAS 8207

1. THE OREGON II RESEARCH, SCHEDULED FOR 3 MAY - 3 JUNE, HAS BEEN COMPLETED WITH THE RESEARCH OFF VENEZUELA CANCELLED. PLEASE REPORT TO THE GOV THAT NOAA REGRETS NOT BEING ABLE TO CONDUCT THE RESEARCH AS IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BENEFICIAL TO VENEZUELA AS WELL AS TO THE U.S. FUTURE RESEARCH IN GOV WATERS WILL HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED IN LIGHT OF THE EXORBITANT TIME REQUIRED BY THE GOV TO PROCESS CLEARANCES. THE REQUEST FOR THIS PROJECT (WHICH WAS RELATIVELY SIMPLE IN DETAIL) WAS FORWARDED TO THE EMBASSY ON 10 DEC. 1975. NORMALLY, THE NATURE OF MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PLANNING DOES NOT PERMIT CLEARANCES TO BE SUBMITTED WITH 6 MONTH LEAD TIMES. SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO SUBMIT A CLEARANCE REQUEST IS NORMALLY AVAILABLE 3 MONTHS BEFORE A CRUISE IS TO BEGIN. LOGISTICS, PERSONNEL, AND SHIP SCHEDULING ARE VARIABLE
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FACTORS WHICH DO NOT STABILIZE UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE A

CRUISE. MOST NATIONS REQUIRE 60 TO 90 DAYS TO FULLY
PROCESS A CLEARANCE WITH THE U.S. REQUIRING ABOUT 30 DAYS.

2. BEGIN FYI: THE EMBASSY SHOULD FEEL FREE TO PRESENT
ANY OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO THE GOV, WHICH IT
CONSIDERS TO BE APPROPRIATE. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE
EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON U.S. ABILITY TO CONDUCT FUTURE RESEARCH
IN GOV WATERS AND AN EVALUATION OF PROBLEM REGARDING GOV
RELUCTANCE TO RESPONSIVELY ACT ON CLEARANCE REQUESTS,
WITH SUGGESTED CORRECTIVE MEASURES. END FYI. KISSINGER

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